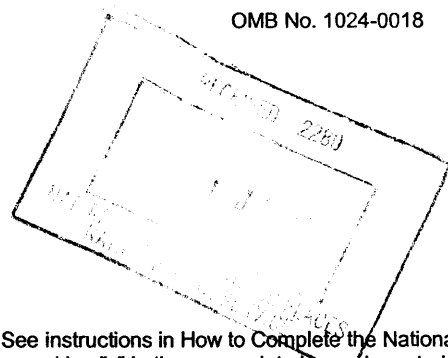


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Big Stone City Hall
other names/site number n/a

2. Location

street & number 469 Main not for publication n/a
city or town Big Stone City Vicinity n/a
state South Dakota Code SD county Grant code 051 zip code 57216

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Vogt 06-09-2004
Signature of certifying official Date

South Dakota SHPO
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the property is:
- entered in the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet
 - determined eligible for the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet
 - determined not eligible for the National Register
 - removed from the National Register.
 - other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper: Edson H. Beall Date of Action: 7/28/04

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- Private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) n/a

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Government Sub: City Hall

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Work in progress Sub: _____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American
Movements: Commercial

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Stone and concrete
Roof Wood
Walls brick

Other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant Contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a Significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Politics/Government _____
 Architecture _____

Period of Significance

1910-1954 _____

Significant Dates

1910 _____

Significant Person n/a

Cultural Affiliation n/a

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- Preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- Designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: n/a

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>14</u> Zone	<u>698941</u> Easting	<u>5018488</u> Northing	3	<u> </u> Zone	<u> </u> Easting	<u> </u> Northing
2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Big Stone City Hall
Name of Property

Grant County South Dakota
County and State

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Big Stone City Historical Society
street & number Box 185 telephone 605-862-8613
city or town Big Stone City state SD zip code 57216

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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The Big Stone City Hall building sits on Main Street in Big Stone City, Grant County, South Dakota. It has a cement foundation, brick walls, and a flat wood roof covered with tarpaper.

The façade (south elevation) has a central entry with double wood doors. The entry door is elevated one foot from the sidewalk. A concrete step for the door was removed when the sidewalk was added. Above the doors is a decorative brick corbel detail. To the south of the entry is a two-over-two double hung window with a stone sill. To the north is a wood panel overhead garage door. The garage door was added in circa 1940; originally there was another two-over-two double hung window. Directly above the doors and window are darker colored bricks that spell out "19 - CITY HALL-10." Above this detail is a decorative corbelled brick design. The corner of the corbel design is clipped and has a more elaborate corbel design. At the southwest corner there is a fire siren.

The east and west elevations each have three two-over-two double hung windows and a door. The window openings have brick arches and sills. The roofline is stepped in three sections. An interior brick chimney is located near the southeast corner.

On the north elevation are two double hung two-over-two windows.

The interior walls have been plastered. The floors are wood and there is a tin ceiling. The area has been divided into office spaces.

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The Big Stone City Hall is located in Grant County, South Dakota. Big Stone City was originally called Inkpa City when it was laid out in 1879, but the name was changed to Big Stone City by the time the town was incorporated in 1885. The town is named for Big Stone Lake, which gets its name from granite outcroppings.

Contractor Carl Hasslen, at a cost of \$3000, built the Big Stone City Hall in 1910.¹ The money for the building was raised by implementing a tax levy and by using some city funds.² The interior was furnished by charging admission to various events including: evening speeches, checker tournaments, and music events. One of the main purposes for its construction was to provide Big Stone City with a social center.³

The façade and the interior of the building were altered in circa 1940 when new diesel generators were installed. A garage door was added to assist in the generator installation and the rooms were altered into offices and a room used by the Red Cross.⁴ The building continued to serve as city hall into the 1970s.

The Big Stone City Hall is one of the few historic buildings remaining in the downtown business area. Several buildings on Main Street were destroyed in a 1952 fire and many other historic buildings on the south side of Main Street were demolished in the 1960s.⁵ Numerous other buildings in Big Stone City have been torn down in recent years.

The Big Stone City Hall has characteristics of what Richard Longstreth labeled the one-part commercial block. The one-part commercial block is a single street-level structure with a simple box design and a decorative façade that is thoroughly urban in its overtones.⁶ Also, the configuration of one-part commercial blocks built in the early 20th century permits little room for embellishment except

¹ "City Hall" *Big Stone City Headlight Centennial Edition*. July 1989, p. 19.

² *Ibid*, 19.

³ *Ibid*, 19.

⁴ "Big Stone City Buys New Diesel Generating Plant." *Big Stone Headlight*. 12 December 1940, p. 1.

⁵ Grant County Historical Society. *100 Years in Grant County South Dakota: 1878-1978*. (Pierre: SD, State Publishing, 1979), 25.

⁶ Richard Longstreth. *The Buildings of Main Street: A Guide to American Commercial Architecture*. (Walnut Creek: CA, AltaMira Press, 2000), 54.

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near the roofline.⁷ It is also common with this form to have a space on the façade between the windows and the cornice line to allow for advertising.

A number of South Dakota communities built municipal buildings in the early 1900s.⁸ Other states, such as Utah, have expanded Longstreth's typology to include city halls, city and county buildings, post offices, and court buildings.⁹ Under an expanded typology, the Big Stone City Hall represents a one-part commercial block. Located on Main Street, the Big Stone City Hall would blend in with the one-part commercial buildings that historically existed in its proximity.

One-part commercial blocks first appeared in the mid 19th century and soon became prominent in towns and cities.¹⁰ Many of these buildings built before the 20th century were demolished. They represented a relatively low investment and staked a claim to the land for future development.¹¹ However, one-part commercial block buildings still do exist in areas that have not felt the pressure of development.¹²

The Big Stone City Hall is eligible under Criteria A and C. It is eligible under Criterion C as a fine example of a one-part commercial block building in Big Stone City. Most of the similar buildings from this era in Big Stone City have been demolished. The fact that the Big Stone City Hall was built and used as a public building contributed to its survival while other commercial buildings in Big Stone City

⁷ Longstreth, 62.

⁸ David Erpstad and David Wood. *Building South Dakota: A Historical Survey of the State's Architecture to 1945*. (Pierre: SD, South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 2000), 175.

⁹ Thomas Carter and Peter Goss. *Utah's Historical Architecture, 1847-1940*. (Salt Lake City: UT, University of Utah Press, 1988), 59.

¹⁰ Longstreth, 54.

¹¹ Ibid, 55.

¹² Ibid, 55.

Big Stone City Hall

Name of Property

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Grant County South Dakota

County and State

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were lost. It is also eligible under Criterion A for the role it played in serving as the center of government for Big Stone City for several years.

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Verbal Boundary Description

CITY HALL SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG STONE CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, FORMERLY A PORTION OF VACATED SISSETON AVENUE BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND LOCUST STREET; LOCATED IN SECTION SEVENTEEN (17), TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE (121) NORTH OF RANGE FORTY-SIX (46) WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, GRANT COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA.

Boundary Justification

This is the lot where the Big Stone City Hall was built in 1910.